



BURLEIGH HILL BUZZ

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Burleigh Hill Public School's Monthly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of the newsletter. As you are already aware the Report Cards come out on February 9th and it has been extremely busy preparing for them. Please do not hesitate to ask teachers for clarification on your child's progress. We try to convey our thoughts on paper, but sometimes a conversation is much more detailed. At the bottom left corner of page four there are two boxes to check, one for acknowledgement of receiving the report card and the other for an interview request. They are easy to miss with all of the other information you are receiving.

Academically, we are continuing a focus on strengthening students' writing skills for the months of February and March. There are many examples of student work showing the process they are in and also some product. At this stage they are demonstrating their learning and final products are not there yet. The learning process is interesting to see. Feel free to drop by and check out the hallways. Please stop by the office and sign in so we know you are here. Also remember that teachers and students are in a learning process when you visit. They are not available for interviews during this time, however if you make an appointment they will be happy to arrange time to talk.

Sincerely,

G. Vanden Beukel and Burleigh Hill staff

ZEHRS CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS:

Please save and bring in all your receipts from Zehrs to the office to help support our breakfast club. Thank you again for all of your ongoing support.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting will be Monday February 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Foyer.

YARD DUTY SUPERVISION

Please help us to ensure the safety of your child by adhering to our safe arrival time which is 8:45 a.m. Teachers are on duty at that time to supervise students on the yard. Please be sure that arrangements for safe arrival are in place!

WE ARE COUNTING DOWN TO KINDERGARTEN!

Children who will be four years of age or older by December 31, 2012 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten starting September 2012.



Going to school for the first time is a big step for children and their parents. At the DSBN, families start that journey together at the 'Kindergarten Countdown' open houses. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 4-6 p.m. for our Kindergarten Countdown open house. Visit www.dsbn.org and click on "Kindergarten" for all the details!

Can't make the open house? No problem! Call the school at 905-227-6641 and we would be happy to set up an appointment to register your child.

Thorold Co-Operative Nursery School is still accepting enrolment for this year, as well for the 2012/13 school year. Children ages 2 ½ - 3 years old for the 2 day morning program and 4-5 years old for the afternoon program. Please contact 905-227-2723 for further details.

Dates to Remember:

Term 1 Report Cards go Home
February 9th, 2011.



Early Release Day February 17th, 2012. Children will arrive home 3 hours earlier than their usual drop off time.

Grades 6-8 School Dance 6:00-9:00 p.m.
February 10th, 2012

Chess Club

Chess club runs at lunch time from 1:15 to 1:45 on Mondays and Fridays in Mrs. Raaflaub's room for students in Grade 3-8.



Literacy Week:

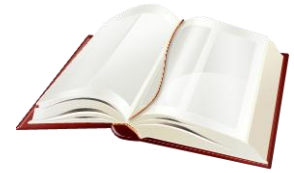
We celebrated Family and Literacy during the week of January 23-January 27.

Thank you for reading at home

with your children and signing the many ballots for our draws.

Students brought in gently used books during the week and we had a book swap on Thursday Jan. 26. The students were so excited to trade and select new books to take home.

Many thanks to all the family members who came in on the Friday to *celebrate National Literacy Day* during our lunch hour. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



Pyjama day was a success and students comfortably enjoyed snuggle up and read with their buddies throughout the day.

These events were a great kick off for our book clubs that started Jan. 31st. Book club, with Mrs. Carfagnini, is every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:20-1:50 until March break. Grades 1-3 book club will alternate days with the Grades 4-8 book clubs.

Photos of our events are posted in the foyer and will be on our website.

Congratulations to the following students for winning our family literacy draws: Emilia Hendriguez KDG, Alexis Muir 1/2, McKenna Woo 1/2, Leighton Halliday 2/3, Nolan Currie 2/3, Katelyn Auger ¾, Zach Webb 5/6, Taylor Webster 5/6, Ashley Shale 7/8, and Brandon Finlayson 7/8. Each student drawn received a \$15 Chapters/Coles gift card to purchase books. Thanks to all those who entered our Family Literacy draw.

Help Us Make Change!

The 5th Annual Make Change for Children Campaign is happening February 20th-24th, 2012. All funds raised by the Campaign go towards the Poverty & Emergency Relief Fund, which was set up by the EFN in 2008 to support extraordinary, emergency, personal or school-related needs of individual students brought about by financial hardship. Since 2008, \$85,000 has been granted to 3400 DSBN students.

We invite you to consider contributing to the Make Change for Children WEEK OF CHANGE February 20 – 24th, 2012. Donations can be directed to a specific DSBN school or Niagara area. For further information please contact the EFN office at 905-641-2929 ext. 54103 or efn@dsbn.org.

